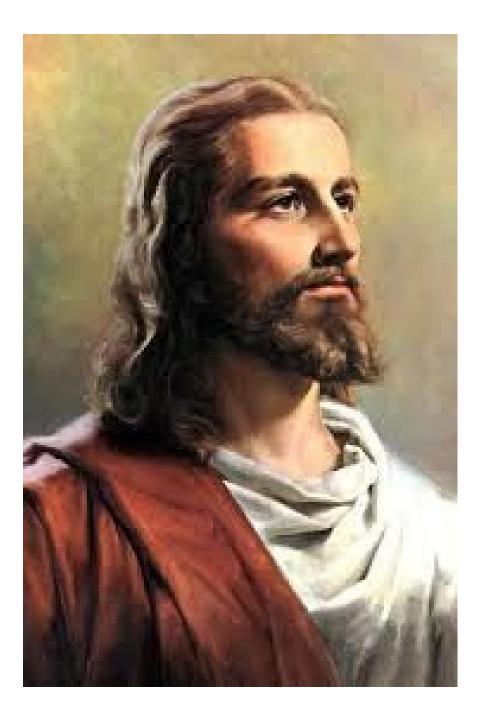
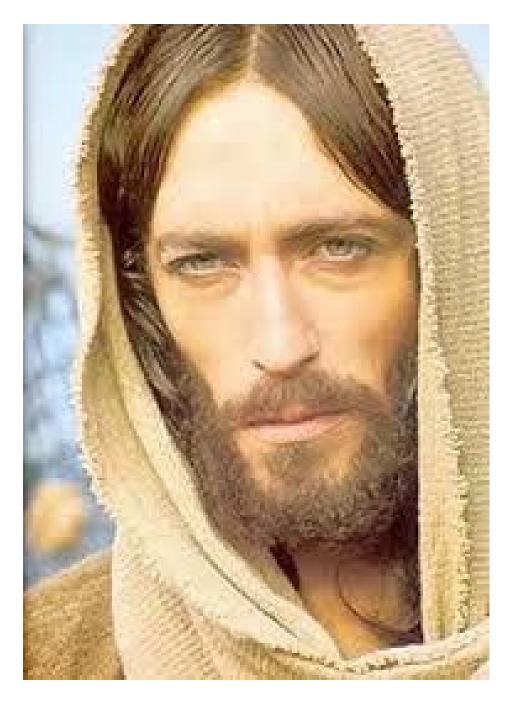
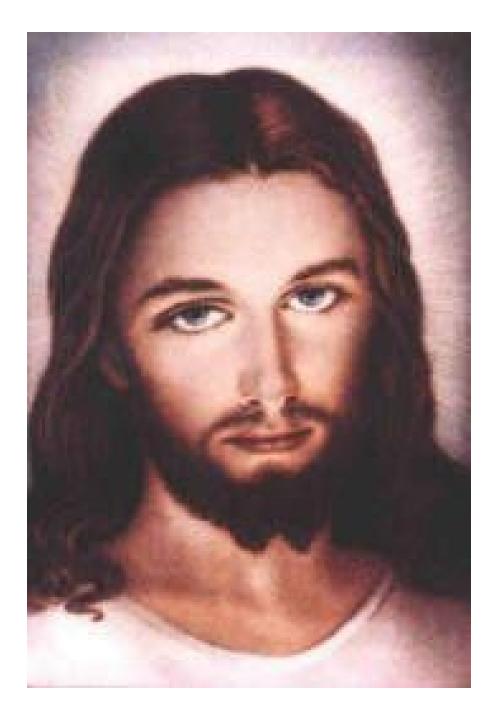
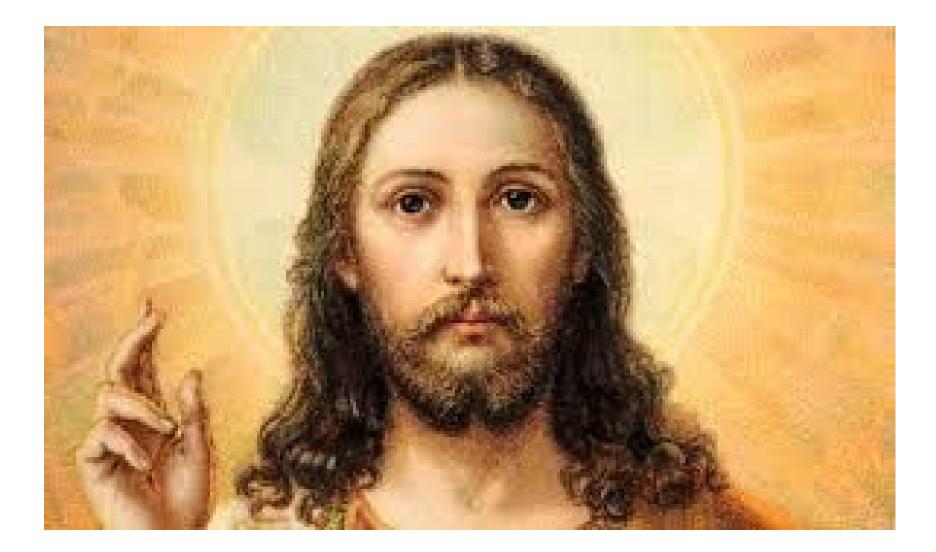


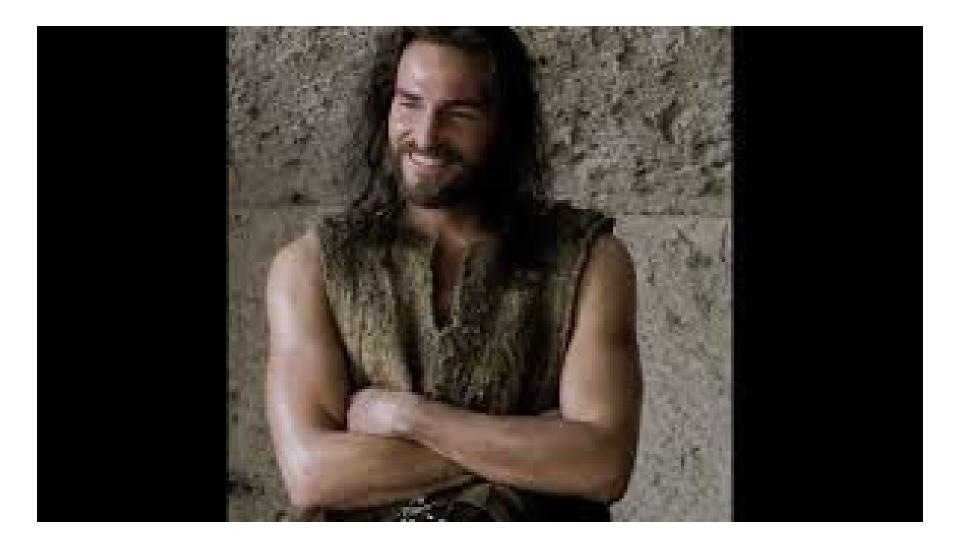
When you think about Jesus what comes to mind?











Philippians 3:5-10a NLT and AMPC ⁵I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member

of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

⁷I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my

Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's

way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead.

Philippians 3:10a AMPC

¹⁰ [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly].

"To know" is translated from the word ginosko in the Greek. Ginosko speaks of the attaining of personal or "experiential" knowledge. In other words, ginosko is not just an intellectual knowledge of the facts but is a personal experience of something or someone.

The Hebrew word yada' (to know) is translated ginosko. In Genesis 4:1 Moses records that "Adam knew (Hebrew-yada') Eve his wife; and she conceived and bore Cain."

Paul's aim is not to just know <u>about</u> Christ, but to know Him personally and <u>intimately</u>.

Three questions to ask ourselves?

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How can we <u>represent</u> Him to our world if we don't <u>know</u> Him?

John 15:15 NLT ¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.

